

Application No. 09/994,492
Amendment dated June 27, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 3, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Joint spacers 20 have a thickness, whereby joint spacers 20 are operable to extend the joint spacing between the femoral head and the acetabulum of a hip joint and thereby tension the ligamentum teres femoris to facilitate severing thereof. Typically, joint spacers 20 have a thickness greater than the thickness of head 14 of ligamentum teres femoris cutter 10. In one exemplary embodiment, joint spacers 20 have a thickness of about ~~31.25~~ 3.125 millimeters (0.125 inches). Furthermore, joint spacers 20 may be offset from head 14 of ligamentum teres femoris cutter 10 so that joint spacers 20 cooperate with head 14 to extend the joint spacing between the femoral head and the acetabulum of a hip joint.